

<i>Language/dialects duration</i>	<i>Hrs.</i>	<i>Mts</i>
1. Urdu	29	00
2. Maithili	13	30
3. Bhojpuri	02	00
4. Hindi	27	40
5. English	00	40
6. Sanskrit	00	50

(b) At present, there is no proposal to increase the transmission capacity of AIR, Darbhanga.

(c) There is no proposal, at present, to introduce news bulletins in Maithili.

[English]

Mini Steel Plants in Madhya Pradesh

7076. SHRI MANKU RAM SODHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of entrepreneurs/companies has applied for issue of letters of intent for setting up mini steel plants around Bailadila iron-pore factory in Bastar district and outside it in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Essar Company has sought permission for laying pipe-line for the transportation of iron-ore fine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). The new Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991 has removed 'iron and steel' from that list of industries reserved for the public sector and

also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. Government approval for industrial licence to set up steel plants in the private or joint sector is required only if the location is within 25 kms of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per the 1991 census. No such application has been made to Government for any location in madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d). M/s. Essar Investments Ltd. have proposed laying a pipeline for transportation of iron ore fines/concentrate from their proposed beneficiation plant at Bailadila in Madhya Pradesh to their proposed pelletisation plant at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Officers of the concerned State Governments have been authorised by the Central Government to perform the functions of the Competent Authority under the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 to undertake necessary action for conducting survey, etc. in this connection.

T.V. Serial 'Bible'

7077. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made to telecast the T.V. serial 'Bible'; and

(b) by when it is likely to be telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The TV serial 'Bible' has been tentatively scheduled for telecast from 9th august, 1992.

Temporary employees in National aluminium company Limited

7078. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employee working in the National Aluminium company Limited;

(b) the number of temporary employees in the organisation in each cadre; and

(c) the criteria/ rules applied in making them regular/permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There are 5476 employees working in the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) as on 31st march, 1992.

(b) and (c). There is no temporary employee working in the organisation and the company does not have rules for making them regular/permanent.

Nomenclature of E.D. Agents

**7079. PROF. PREM DHUMAL:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
GANGWAR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether change in nomenclature of the Extra Departmental Agents has been

demandd by the various postal unions;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the time by which the necessary orders are likely to be issued by his Ministry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, the unions have demanded a change in the existing nomenclature to that of "Grameen Dak karmchari"

(b) The above demand has not been found feasible to accept due to its legal implications as Extra-departmental; Postal Agents are only part time agents of the department where as the proposed name has a different connotation conferring on them the status of departmental employees.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (b) of the question.

[Translation]

Indo-Nepal Agreement on Kosi and Gandak

**7080. DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:**

SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

SHRI LALIT ORAON:

SHRI RAMDEW RAM:

Will the Minister of water WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details and date on which agreement was signed between India and Nepal in regard to river Kosi and Gandak;

(b) the extent of irrigation and other facilities availed by Bihar, U.P. and Nepal; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the